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THE ARTICLE

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Visa requirements in Australia just got a little tougher. Foreign partners of existing residents who want a permanent residence visa must soon have to pass an English language test. Australia's government says it is important that people prove a predetermined level of English proficiency before they are granted a permanent visa. The prerequisite could be in place from the middle of 2021. Immigration Minister Alan Tudge said: "We will require an applicant and a sponsor to have met a functional level of English or to have at least made reasonable efforts to learn English." He said such efforts would entail about 500 hours of free English classes on a government-run language programme.

The proposed requirement has stoked controversy in Australia's parliament. Politicians critical of the planned measure called the new language test "discriminatory" and "racist". They argue it targets people from non-Western nations and their partners. A spokesman for Australia's opposition party said: "English proficiency isn't a test of someone's love." He said couples already faced an uphill struggle in the application process and that the new requirement would add an "additional burden". An immigration expert said: "It certainly puts a lot of pressure on couples who've been hit hard by COVID. Many of them have lost their jobs and now they've got this added burden to pass an English test."

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WARM-UPS

1. ENGLISH TESTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about English tests. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

visa / foreign / partner / resident / proficiency / sponsor / functional / English classes / controversy / parliament / discriminatory / racist / nation / struggle / couple / burden

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. VISAS: Students A **strongly** believe all countries should do away with their visa requirements; Students B **strongly** believe that would be a disaster. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TESTS: How difficult are these tests? How would you prepare for them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Difficulty	Preparation
Speaking test		
Driving test		
IQ test		
Endurance test		
Spelling test		
Writing test		

5. RESIDENCE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "residence". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ENGLISH: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important English skills at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Speaking
- Vocabulary
- Pronunciation
- Reading
- Listening
- Translating
- Writing
- Interpreting

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 1. requirement | a. A person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis. |
| 2. resident | b. Show the truth or existence of something by evidence or argument. |
| 3. permanent | c. A thing that is compulsory; a necessary condition. |
| 4. prove | d. A thing that is needed as a condition for something else to happen or exist. |
| 5. predetermined | e. Established or decided in advance. |
| 6. prerequisite | f. Involve something as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence of. |
| 7. entail | g. Lasting or intended to last or remain unchanged indefinitely. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. controversy | h. Two people who are married, engaged, or otherwise closely associated romantically or sexually. |
| 9. critical | i. A high degree of competence or skill; expertise. |
| 10. discriminatory | j. The main responsibility for achieving a specified aim or task. |
| 11. proficiency | k. Disagreement, typically when prolonged, public, and heated. |
| 12. burden | l. Expressing adverse or disapproving comments or judgments. |
| 13. expert | m. A person who has a comprehensive and authoritative knowledge of or skill in a particular area. |
| 14. couples | n. Being unfair between different categories of people or things, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201010-english-language-test.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. People will need to take a language test to get an Australian tourist visa. **T / F**
- b. The new test could start in around June or July next year. **T / F**
- c. The applicant for the visa will need a sponsor. **T / F**
- d. The government will give people 500 hours of free English tuition. **T / F**
- e. The proposed test has created little fuss in Australia's parliament. **T / F**
- f. Australia said it is targeting people from non-Western nations. **T / F**
- g. An opposition spokesperson said couples faced an uphill struggle. **T / F**
- h. Many of the people who want a visa have lost their jobs. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. requirements | a. prejudicial |
| 2. residents | b. acceptable |
| 3. proficiency | c. involve |
| 4. reasonable | d. skill |
| 5. entail | e. responsibility |
| 6. controversy | f. battle |
| 7. discriminatory | g. prerequisites |
| 8. struggle | h. specialist |
| 9. expert | i. disagreement |
| 10. burden | j. citizens |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. Visa | a. proficiency |
| 2. partners of existing | b. burden to pass |
| 3. a permanent | c. level of English |
| 4. a predetermined level of English | d. Western nations |
| 5. a functional | e. residents |
| 6. The proposed requirement has stoked | f. an uphill struggle |
| 7. it targets people from non- | g. requirements |
| 8. couples already faced | h. pressure on couples |
| 9. It certainly puts a lot of | i. residence visa |
| 10. now they've got this added | j. controversy |

GAP FILL

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Visa requirements in Australia just got a little (1) _____. Foreign partners of existing residents who want a (2) _____ residence visa must soon have to pass an English language test. Australia's government says it is important that people (3) _____ a predetermined level of English proficiency before they are (4) _____ a permanent visa. The prerequisite could be in place from the middle of 2021. Immigration Minister Alan Tudge said: "We will require an (5) _____ and a sponsor to have met a functional level of English or to have at least made reasonable (6) _____ to learn English." He said such efforts would (7) _____ about 500 hours of free English classes on a government-(8) _____ language programme.

The proposed requirement has (9) _____ controversy in Australia's parliament. Politicians critical of the planned (10) _____ called the new language test "discriminatory" and "racist". They argue it (11) _____ people from non-Western nations and their partners. A spokesman for Australia's opposition party said: "English (12) _____ isn't a test of someone's love." He said couples already faced an uphill (13) _____ in the application process and that the new requirement would add an "additional (14) _____ ". An immigration expert said: "It certainly puts a lot of pressure on couples who've been (15) _____ hard by COVID. Many of them have lost their jobs and now they've got this (16) _____ burden to pass an English test."

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struggle
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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Visa requirements in Australia just got _____
 - a. a little toughen
 - b. a belittle tougher
 - c. a belittle toughen
 - d. a little tougher
- 2) Foreign partners of existing residents who want a permanent _____
 - a. resident visa
 - b. residential visa
 - c. reside dents visa
 - d. residence visa
- 3) Australia's government says it is important that people prove _____
 - a. a predetermined levels
 - b. a predetermined revel
 - c. a predetermined level
 - d. a predetermined rebel
- 4) The prerequisite could be in place from the _____
 - a. middle off 2021
 - b. middle oft 2021
 - c. middle aft 2021
 - d. middle of 2021
- 5) reasonable efforts to learn English." He said such efforts would _____ hours
 - a. den tail about 500
 - b. dent ail about 500
 - c. entail about 500
 - d. end tail about 500
- 6) measure called the new language test _____
 - a. discriminatory and racism
 - b. discrimination and racist
 - c. discriminatory and racist
 - d. discriminates and racism
- 7) Australia's opposition party said: "English proficiency isn't a test _____."
 - a. of someone's love
 - b. off someone's love
 - c. oft someone's love
 - d. of someone's lovely
- 8) He said couples already faced _____
 - a. an uphill struggles
 - b. an uphill struggle
 - c. an uphill struggled
 - d. an uphill snuggle
- 9) It certainly puts a lot of pressure on couples who've been _____ COVID
 - a. hit hardly by
 - b. hit hard by
 - c. hit hardy by
 - d. hit shard by
- 10) Many of them have lost their jobs and now they've got _____
 - a. this add it burden
 - b. this adding burden
 - c. this addition burden
 - d. this added burden

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The proposed requirement (7) _____ in Australia's parliament. Politicians critical of (8) _____ called the new language test "discriminatory" and "racist". They argue it targets people from (9) _____ and their partners. A spokesman for Australia's opposition party said: "English proficiency isn't a test of someone's love." He said couples already faced (10) _____ in the application process and that the new requirement would add an "additional burden". An immigration expert said: "It certainly puts a lot of (11) _____ who've been hit hard by COVID. Many of them have lost their jobs and now they've got this (12) _____ pass an English test."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201010-english-language-test.html>

1. What did the article say just got a little tougher in Australia?
2. What does Australia want applicants to have a predetermined level of?
3. When might this new requirement start?
4. Who else will the applicant need to apply for the visa?
5. How many hours of free English language tuition can people get?
6. What has the proposed test stoked in Australia's parliament?
7. What did politicians call the test besides discriminatory?
8. Who did the opposition say the test is targeting?
9. What did someone say couples faced?
10. What did someone say couples had been hit hard by?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201010-english-language-test.html>

- 1) What did the article say just got a little tougher in Australia?
 - a) life
 - b) visa requirements
 - c) getting into embassies
 - d) finding jobs
- 2) What does Australia want applicants to have a predetermined level of?
 - a) skills
 - b) money
 - c) enthusiasm
 - d) English proficiency
- 3) When might this new requirement start?
 - a) 2022
 - b) spring
 - c) the middle of 2021
 - d) later this year
- 4) Who else will the applicant need to apply for the visa?
 - a) a sponsor
 - b) a lawyer
 - c) a diplomat
 - d) a boss
- 5) How many hours of free English language tuition can people get?
 - a) 400
 - b) 500
 - c) 450
 - d) 550
- 6) What has the proposed test stoked in Australia's parliament?
 - a) controversy
 - b) rage
 - c) compassion
 - d) love
- 7) What did politicians call the test besides discriminatory?
 - a) awful
 - b) outrageous
 - c) racist
 - d) prejudicial
- 8) Who did the opposition say the test is targeting?
 - a) people from non-Western nations
 - b) non-English-speaking people
 - c) people from Asia
 - d) people from Europe
- 9) What did someone say couples faced?
 - a) a long wait
 - b) a huge bill
 - c) a difficult time ahead
 - d) an uphill struggle
- 10) What did someone say couples had been hit hard by?
 - a) immigration
 - b) job losses
 - c) COVID
 - d) the weather

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Spelling

You think spelling is the most important area of English to be good at. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the Least important of these (and why): vocabulary, grammar or pronunciation.

Role B – Vocabulary

You think vocabulary is the most important area of English to be good at. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the Least important of these (and why): spelling, grammar or pronunciation.

Role C – Grammar

You think grammar is the most important area of English to be good at. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the Least important of these (and why): vocabulary, spelling or pronunciation.

Role D – Pronunciation

You think pronunciation is the most important area of English to be good at. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the Least important of these (and why): vocabulary, grammar or spelling.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'English' and 'test'.

English	test

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tougher• permanent• granted• middle• functional• entail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• critical• racist• targets• uphill• expert• jobs
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ENGLISH TESTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about English tests in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

ENGLISH TESTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'visa'?
3. How good is your English?
4. What do you think of English language tests?
5. What do you think of visas?
6. Should a visa depend on a language test?
7. Should residents in a country all have to speak the language?
8. Which country would you like to have a permanent residence visa for?
9. What efforts are you making to learn English?
10. What advice do you have for people studying English?

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ENGLISH TESTS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'language'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why do you think the proposal is controversial?
15. Why might the test be seen as racist?
16. How could you test someone's love for their partner?
17. What uphill struggles have you faced with English?
18. What English tests have you taken?
19. Is the test an unwanted additional burden?
20. What questions would you like to ask Australia's government?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) toughen | (b) tougher | (c) toughest | (d) toughie |
| 2. | (a) residential | (b) residence | (c) residual | (d) resides |
| 3. | (a) responsiveness | (b) stimulation | (c) intensive | (d) proficiency |
| 4. | (a) enlist | (b) require | (c) adhere | (d) liberate |
| 5. | (a) standpoint | (b) efficacy | (c) solution | (d) reasonable |
| 6. | (a) test | (b) speaking | (c) run | (d) operate |
| 7. | (a) stoked | (b) stalked | (c) staked | (d) stuck |
| 8. | (a) aims | (b) goals | (c) targets | (d) ambitions |
| 9. | (a) spell | (b) pronounce | (c) lexical | (d) love |
| 10. | (a) struggle | (b) trot | (c) stroll | (d) meander |
| 11. | (a) couples | (b) trios | (c) quartets | (d) octets |
| 12. | (a) added | (b) calculate | (c) divided | (d) subtracted |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. partners of ingixset residents
2. a permanent ecisernde visa
3. a iprtdeenmerde level
4. English oipyrncfice
5. The rtipeugesrie could be in place
6. tinael about 500 hours

Paragraph 2

7. stoked eyotcrsrovn
8. Australia's armnptaiel
9. oiyitarcsnmdri and racist
10. the ilipcnaoatp process
11. An iairnotimmg expert
12. they've got this added rbeund to pass

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () party said: "English proficiency isn't a test of someone's love." He said couples already faced an uphill
- () it is important that people prove a predetermined level of English proficiency before they are
- () level of English or to have at least made reasonable efforts to learn English." He said such efforts would
- () Minister Alan Tudge said: "We will require an applicant and a sponsor to have met a functional
- () struggle in the application process and that the new requirement would add an "additional
- (**1**) Visa requirements in Australia just got a little tougher. Foreign partners of existing residents who
- () of the planned measure called the new language test "discriminatory" and "racist". They argue it targets people
- () entail about 500 hours of free English classes on a government-run language programme.
- () burden". An immigration expert said: "It certainly puts a lot of pressure on couples who've been hit
- () from non-Western nations and their partners. A spokesman for Australia's opposition
- () hard by COVID. Many of them have lost their jobs and now they've got this added burden to pass an English test."
- () The proposed requirement has stoked controversy in Australia's parliament. Politicians critical
- () granted a permanent visa. The prerequisite could be in place from the middle of 2021. Immigration
- () want a permanent residence visa must soon have to pass an English language test. Australia's government says

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. tougher . a Australia in little Visa got requirements
2. want residence of residents Partners a visa . who
3. a prove predetermined of level People English proficiency .
4. have A English . level to functional of sponsor a
5. entail He efforts such said about 500 hours . would
6. in proposed parliament . stoked controversy The has requirement
7. non-Western it argue from people targets They nations .
8. love . proficiency isn't a English someone's of test
9. struggle faced uphill Couples an the process . in
10. to got they've added this burden Now pass .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201010-english-language-test.html>

Visa requirements in Australia just got a little *toughen / tougher*. Foreign partners of existing residents who want a *permanent / permanence* residence visa must soon have to *pass / passing* an English language test. Australia's government says it is important that people *proof / prove* a predetermined level of English *proficient / proficiency* before they are *granted / grafted* a permanent visa. The prerequisite could be in place from the middle of 2021. Immigration Minister Alan Tudge said: "We will require an *application / applicant* and a sponsor to have met a *functioned / functional* level of English or to have at least made *reasonable / reasons* efforts to learn English." He said such efforts would *retail / entail* about 500 hours of free English classes on a government-run language programme.

The proposed requirement has *stoked / staked* controversy in Australia's parliament. Politicians *crucial / critical* of the planned measure called the new language test "discriminatory" and "racist". They *argument / argue* it targets people from non-Western nations and *them / their* partners. A spokesman for Australia's *opposition / supposition* party said: "English proficiency isn't a test of someone's love." He said couples already faced an *uphill / upper* struggle in the application *progress / process* and that the new requirement would add an "additional burden". An immigration *expert / expat* said: "It certainly puts a lot of *pressurise / pressure* on couples who've been hit hard by COVID. Many of them have lost their jobs and now they've got this *added / adds* burden to pass an English test."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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r_s_d_n t s w h_ w_n t _ p_r m_n_n t r_s_d_n c_ v_s_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201010-english-language-test.html>

visa requirements in australia just got a little tougher foreign partners of existing residents who want a permanent residence visa must soon have to pass an english language test australian government says it is important that people prove a predetermined level of english proficiency before they are granted a permanent visa the prerequisite could be in place from the middle of 2021 immigration minister alan tudge said we will require an applicant and a sponsor to have met a functional level of English or to have at least made reasonable efforts to learn english he said such efforts would entail about 500 hours of free english classes on a governmentrun language programme

the proposed requirement has stoked controversy in australian parliament politicians critical of the planned measure called the new language test discriminatory and racist they argue it targets people from nonwestern nations and their partners a spokesman for australian opposition party said english proficiency isnt a test of someones love he said couples already faced an uphill struggle in the application process and that the new requirement would add an additional burden an immigration expert said it certainly puts a lot of pressure on couples whove been hit hard by covid many of them have lost their jobs and now theyve got this added burden to pass an english test

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ENGLISH TESTS: Make a poster about English tests. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PROFICIENCY: Write a magazine article about requiring language proficiency for visas. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on English tests. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to pass English tests. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. a 3. g 4. b 5. e 6. d 7. f
8. k 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. j 13. m 14. h

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e F f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. j	3. d	4. b	5. c
6. i	7. a	8. f	9. h	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Visa requirements
2. English proficiency
3. The middle of 2021
4. A sponsor
5. 500
6. Controversy
7. Racist
8. People from non-Western nations
9. An uphill struggle
10. COVID

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Visa requirements in Australia got a little tougher.
2. Partners of residents who want a residence visa.
3. People prove a predetermined level of English proficiency.
4. A sponsor to have a functional level of English.
5. He said such efforts would entail about 500 hours.
6. The proposed requirement has stoked controversy in parliament.
7. They argue it targets people from non-Western nations.
8. English proficiency isn't a test of someone's love.
9. Couples faced an uphill struggle in the process.
10. Now they've got this added burden to pass.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)